

## NO POLITICS IN IT

The Chairman of the Two State Committees  
UNITE FOR BETTER SALARIES

The Reasons Why State Officers Should Have More Pay Set Forth at Length.

TO THE ELECTORS OF MICHIGAN: Among the amendments to be submitted to the people of this state at this spring election, one relative to the salaries of certain state officers. The officers directly affected by the amendment are the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction, and commissioner of the state land office.

The change is not proposed out of any compassion for the officers now occupying these positions, but with the view of changing the entire system, and thereby securing the personal attention and attendance of the officers to the many duties devolving upon them by virtue of their respective offices.

It is a matter of public notoriety and public concern than on account of the meager salaries paid by the state, that the positions held by the above named state officers are considered more as places of honor than as positions of personal trust.

## Work Has Increased.

The salaries were fixed at the present amount in 1860. Since that time the wages for every class of work have increased nearly two and one-half times. Then farm hands received from \$8 to \$10 per month; now they receive from \$12 to \$25 per month. The wages of clerks and artisans have increased in like proportion; but while wages have increased, the cost of living has increased quite as fast, and if the people would receive the personal services of these officers they must pay a sum that will affect them a reasonable living.

Not only have the wages in all departments and the cost of living increased, but the actual necessity for the personal services of these officers, by reason of the advancement of the wealth and population of the state, have increased in a far greater proportion.

## Duties of Lieutenant Governor.

The lieutenant governor is now a member of many of the most important boards in the state of Michigan, and it is for the interests of the people that he be so compensated that he can better afford to give his time to the duties devolving upon him.

It is proposed to fix the salary of the lieutenant governor at \$1,200, a sum certainly reasonable in amount.

The secretary of state, commissioner of the state land office and the state treasurer constitute the board of state auditors. That board has to make all the printing and supply contracts and audit all the miscellaneous claims against the state.

In the year 1860, during the entire year twenty-one claims were presented and allowed against the state amounting to \$1,757. There has been a continual increase in number and amount of claims from that time to the present. In January, 1893, the claims presented amounted to \$27, the amount allowed was \$18,195. The average monthly allowance is from \$35,000 to \$48,000. That is to say, the board of state auditors must now examine and pass upon about twenty times as many bills in number, and ten times in amount each month, as they were required to pass upon in a whole year in 1860. Any negligence in making contracts or auditing amounts must necessarily injure the financial interests of the people.

## Secretary of State.

It is proposed to fix the salaries of the secretary of state and commissioner of the land office at \$2,000 each, sums certainly far more reasonable now, when viewed in the light of the present duties and responsibilities and present compensation paid other labor, than were the original sums when viewed in the light of the original duties and responsibilities and wages then paid to others.

While the changes above enumerated show a great increase in the demand for the time of the secretary of state and commissioners of the land office, the increase in the duties demanding the personal efforts and personal attention of the superintendent of public instruction is quite as large. The number of schools in Michigan since 1860 have increased more than four times. The money expended in 1860 was \$17,700. The money expended in 1892 was \$5,286,000. The money has consequently increased from that time.

The superintendent of public instruction is required by law to perform the important duty of general superintendence of all these schools. He is obliged to visit all the state educational institutions, attend teacher institutes, and should be allowed to give his entire time in looking after the educational interests of the state. He is allowed no less nor proportionate of any kind.

The salary fixed in 1860 of \$1,000 is not a reasonable compensation for a man who has the requisite ability to fill the position and will not support such a man under present prices. The only alternative is to neglect the work. It is proposed to raise the salary to \$2,000, a sum reasonable in amount and less than that paid by many city schools for their superintendent. The people who pay school taxes and desire to give their children the benefits of public schools cannot afford to exact less than the entire time of the superintendent, neither can the people expect to receive service gratis, and the experience of past shows that they will not get service unless they pay for them.

## Auditor General.

A similar change was made by increasing the salaries of the auditor general and the attorney general, and the result is that the people have received the entire time of these officers with the saving of many thousands of dollars to the taxpayers.

The people should change the laws and pay reasonable compensation and dispense the entire time and best men give and quality of these officers; and we are confident that if this change can be

made thousands of dollars of unnecessary expense will be saved to the tax-payers of this state annually.

We recommend that the press bring the facts before their readers and urge the adoption of this amendment. The amendment, in our judgment, should receive the earnest support of every paper that is in favor of reducing taxation. We give it our hearty approval.

Very respectfully,

JAMES M. MILLIAN,  
DANIEL J. CAMPBELL.

## BLEW OUT THE GAS.

A Hoosier Does the Farmer Act at the Hotel Derby.

Carl Julligak of Elkhart, Indiana, arrived at The Derby Tuesday night. Carl had heard something about the dangers of blowing out the gas at night, but he didn't pay much attention to it. He supposed it was all newspaper talk. He was assigned to room No. 26 and went to bed with the proud consciousness of having been in the city two hours and skillfully avoided being buzzed. By the time Carl had finished the proud consciousness business, he had his boots off and was ready for bed. Then he blew out the gas.

About midnight some of the boarders returned from Powers' opera house, where they had been to attend the ministerial show. They detected an odor similar to that of the jakes they had heard at the show. After investigation they found the gas pouring through the transom of room No. 26. They entered the room and succeeded in restoring the blissfully unconscious Hoosier to a state of sensibility. They pumped him full of fresh air and put him to bed again. Then they turned off the gas, but Carl had no appetite for breakfast yesterday morning.

## SENT THEM A LETTER.

Overtures Pending Between Contractors and Masons' Union.

The mason contractors yesterday sent a private communication to the Bricklayers and Masons' Union on the subject of the eight-hour day demanded by the journeymen. At the builders' exchange the contractors said yesterday that a meeting was held Tuesday night at which eleven out of the fourteen contractors on the exchange were present. As to the communication sent they would say nothing till a reply was received from the union which will meet on Friday night. The letter is in the nature of a proposal of some sort to which the contractors have unanimously agreed. The only difference is as to whether eight or nine hours shall constitute a day.

## Contagious Diseases.

□ May Hoberger, No. 150 Highland avenue, measles; Maggie Jewett, No. 38 Lyon place, scarlet fever; Howard Fuller, No. 120 Turner street, typhoid fever; Makel Alexander, No. 15 East street, typhoid fever; Mrs. H. A. Greenley, No. 15 Fountain street, typhoid fever; Harry Meesey, No. 80 Union street, diphtheria; Annie Meesey, same.

## Burial Permits.

Anthony Kinters, No. 20 Aldrich block, Valley City; Vern E. Elkerton, No. 15 Brainerd street, Valley City; Olive A. Lewis, Jackson, Michigan; Greenwood; DeWitt Hunt, No. 438 Cass street, Marathon, N. Y.

## Real Estate Transfers.

Julia Whalen to Michael Rymer, lot 10, section 10, Whitefield add. 3. William F. Carpenter and wife to Mary J. Imhoff, lot 1, block 6, Cedar Springs. Gertrude Zuidema and wife to William H. and G. H. Himes and McKeynold's add.

Martin Gobels to Harriet A. Downing, Harriet A. Downing to Martha Gobels, lot 1, block 3, Remington's add. Hannah W. McVay et al. to New M. Johnson, piece of land on sec. 4, Walker.

L. E. Hawkins and wife to W. H. Andrews, lot 1, block 1, New & Bryson. Wm. McVay et al. to H. H. Morris, lot 1, block 1, Grand Rapids.

Frederick Taylor and wife to Charles W. Tufts, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, block 2, Boweck & Kuykendall's add.

E. J. Clark and wife to E. L. Andrews, piece of land on his 15, Steward & Kuykendall's add.

W. H. Andrews and wife to E. J. Clark, lot 2, block 1, Drew & Brown's.

Arthur E. Turner and wife to Joseph H. Maran, lot 8, block 2, Boweck & Kuykendall's add.

Ann McHattie to Edna McDonald, piece of land on sec. 2, Newaygo.

Hannah Newaygo, H. Chumbeister, piece of land on sec. 3, Newaygo.

## Marriage Licenses.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued since last publication, with the names, residence (when out of the city), and ages of the parties:

—Age.

Gerrit Van Ooster, Minnie De Jong —21

John De Vries, Anna Maria Springer —21

Hudson, Newaygo.

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## A Complete Schedule.

Of all the games to be played by the National Base Ball league for the season 1893 will be sent by applying to A. J. Smith, G. P. & T. A., L. S. & M. S. Ry., Cleveland, O., and inclosing 2 cent postage stamp. This schedule contains the dates, names of contesting clubs, places for scoring total runs, hits, errors, and pitcher's names, together with tables of standing of clubs and averages for last season.

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Yours truly,

WALTER E. REEDER.

Contractor and Builder, Flint, Mich.

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